

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Water Quality Division
Water Protection Bureau
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Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Fact Sheet Permit Termination

Permittee:	RC Resources, Inc.
Permit Number:	MT0031763
Receiving Water:	Miller Gulch, Rock Creek, and tributaries to Rock Creek
Facility Name:	Rock Creek Mine – Road Projects
County:	Sanders
Facility Contact:	Doug Stiles
Facility Location:	48.062778 N, 115.698333 W Noxon, MT 59893
Facility Type:	Private, Minor
Number of Outfalls	1 (for fee determination only; fee assigned to Outfall 001) Outfall 001-031

I. Permit Status

RC Resources Inc. Rock Creek Mine's Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit was set to expire on June 30, 2021, but RC Resources Inc submitted a permit renewal application on January 4, 2021. DEQ reviewed the application, supplemental materials, and fees for completeness. DEQ issued a notice of deficiency on February 2, 2021. On March 8, 2021, DEQ received a response addressing the application. DEQ determined the application to be complete and administratively continued the permit on March 19, 2021. This MPDES permit coverage was limited to storm water discharges associated with road construction.

II. Permit Termination

On December 13, 2021, DEQ public noticed a draft permit for comment. DEQ received comments and did not take any action on the draft permit. On September 27, 2022, RC Resources rescinded the renewal application for MPDES permit MT0031763 and requested that DEQ allow the permit to expire. RC Resources stated that none of the permitted outfalls have been constructed and a discharge has not been reported for the Rock Creek Mine – Road Projects. Therefore, DEQ proposes to terminate the permit pursuant to ARM 17.30.1363(1)(d), finding that there has been a permanent elimination in the potential to discharge.